

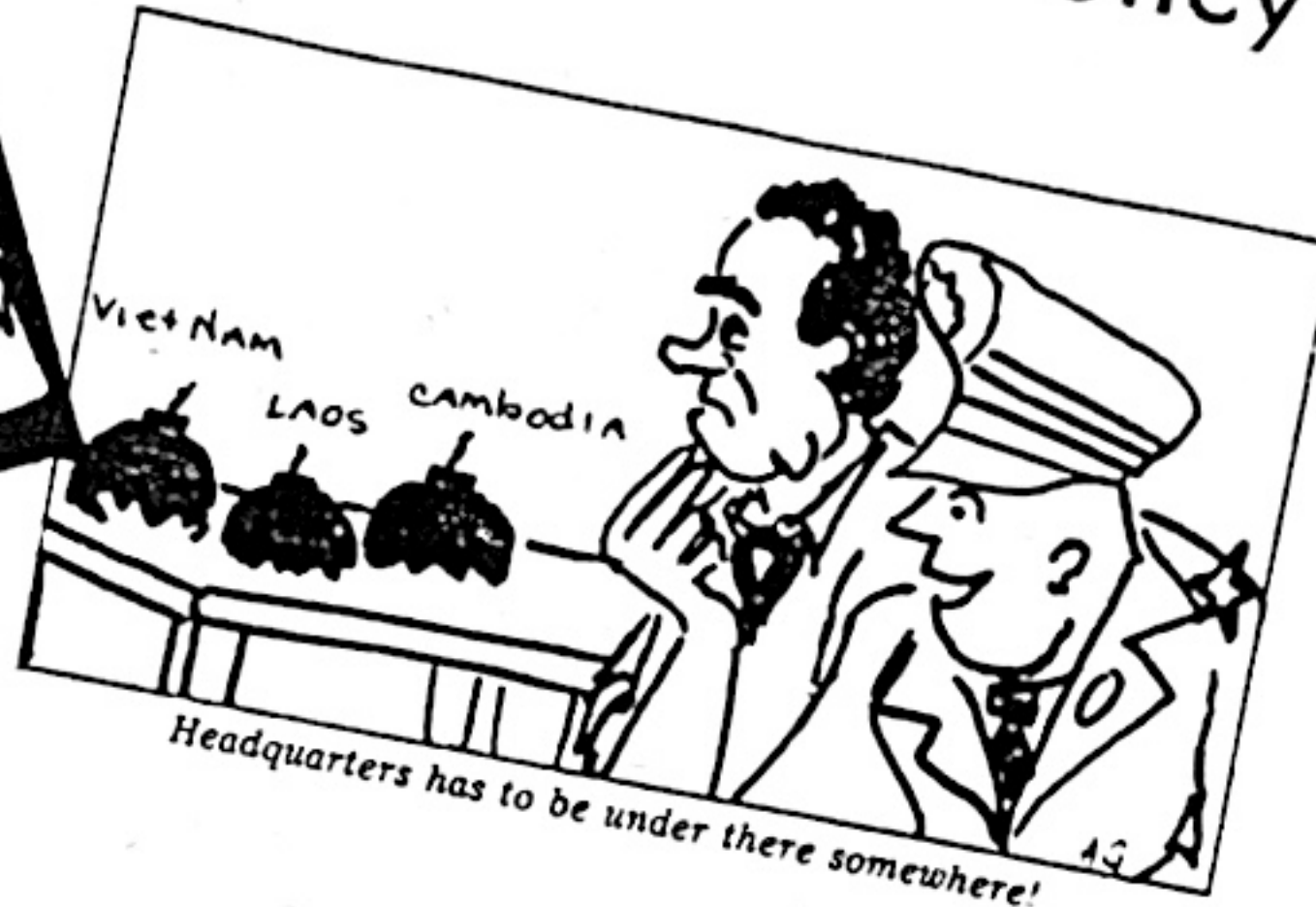
# the Shakerite

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## Draft Scare

## More Activities to Protest U.S. Vietnam Policy Planned



## Student Disinterest in Politics

A NEWSPAPER reporter who spent a week at a local high school wrote recently in his paper that the high school student of today has little or no interest at all in current national and international problems. One would ordinarily laugh at such an assumption. One should think that it is ridiculous that students so near the age of participation in government would not feel an active interest in the affairs of government. Nevertheless, two-thirds of the students in our high school simply don't care what happens.

They have no preference in the present mayoralty campaign in Cleveland. One recently said, "Why should I care who is elected? It doesn't affect me one way or the other." How lucky we would be if the outcome of elections didn't affect us! Sadly enough, however, if the wrong leaders are chosen to guide our government, it will fall upon our shoulders to correct their errors. We must be actively concerned that government is kept clean and honest.

Some apathetic students say, "What could I do about it, even if I were interested in current problems?" The answer is this. The youth of today must absolutely prepare himself to take a stand on important problems. We must learn to analyze candidates and issues to discover the basic problems on which we are voting and which candidate will genuinely fulfill our desires. Conditions abroad indicate that it won't be long before America will have to choose between an actively militaristic course, a neutral course, or an actively pacific course in a European war. No student, no matter how uninterested he is in the important things, can say that the prospect of going to war does not phase him in the least one way or the other. It is up to us to prepare ourselves to be able to efficiently handle things when our generation holds the reins. We must honestly observe the mistakes that are being made around us by those in power today, so that tomorrow we may be that much more efficient. If the ordinary student does not have initiative enough to prepare himself for his era of power in government, it is up to the Social Studies departments all over the world to make the youth of today "problems-conscious" so that none might have the stupid nerve to say, "I don't care what happens."

The Shakerite, Oct. 11, 1935

BUY  
WAR  
BONDS

Apathy



The Real Victims of Violence

## Anti-War Activists Plan Boycott, March to Mall

Students attending Shaker will be among the forefront locally of planned nationwide demonstrations against the presence of United States troops in Vietnam. Activities planned in the Cleveland area for April 15 include a student strike of high schools and colleges, a demonstration against the annual meeting of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. shareholders, and a march through downtown climaxing in a rally at the Mall.

## Viet Nam Demonstration

The result is that American soldiers are fighting and dying, only to be replaced by more Americans, and so on indefinitely. It is a war not without cause, but without end.

War

Real  
Activism

# Student activism then and now

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RUDOLPH

Horoschak decides to stay at Shaker.

## Horoschak elects to withdraw candidacy

On March 21, Supt. Peter Horoschak decided to withdraw his candidacy for the position of Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Horoschak made it clear that he did not refuse the job. Instead, he stated that he went through a process in which he was one of three finalists being considered by the State Board

of Education in Massachusetts. Before that selection process was completed, he realized that the conditions were not appropriate for him to remain a candidate.

Some of the factors contributing to Horoschak's decision included salary, benefits, and living expenses which are much higher in Boston than in Cleveland.

Horoschak stated that, "While I was going through the selection process, I reflected upon how much I enjoy my work in the Shaker Heights City School District."

He summed up his feelings by stating, "As the superintendent of a local school district, I have more opportunity for direct contact with

students, teachers, and administrators working in the schools. I really do like my job here."

--Debbie Cohan

## Peters confesses

Editorial cartoonist Mike Peters presented "Confessions of an Editorial Cartoonist" on Feb. 27 as the third in an ongoing series of lectures sponsored in part by the PTA and the SHTA.

"I have never laughed so hard in my life," commented senior Mike Kelsen.

The one hour presentation consisted of Peters taking the audience into his past starting back in grade school. Throughout the lecture, his anecdotes were illustrated by cartoons. The program was concluded with Peters making a slide presentation of his favorite cartoons.

Peters, who works with the Dayton Daily News, is syndicated throughout the country and has appeared in Newsweek magazine.

--John Schaeffler

## Algebra wizards

What do students Michael Lee, Steven Rosenberg, Matt Schnall, Tige Silliman, and Brian Taylor have in common? Each of these students achieved scores exceeding 100 on the American High School Math Examination.

This test is taken by students throughout Ohio. It is a 90-minute test consisting primarily of algebra problems and is taken annually.

Here at Shaker, an estimated 100 students took part in the contest on Feb. 25. Most of the students participating were juniors and seniors in AP math. However, a few sophomores also competed.

Students who received a score of 100 or higher on the test are qualified to take the American International Math Exam. They will also receive pins signifying their achievement.

Michael Lee, a junior, had the highest score at Shaker with 118.

--Kristin McGovern

## Team captures JETS award

On Feb. 20, fourteen Shaker students proved that excellence in science and math is a reality at SHHS.

The students, coached by John Schutter, captured first place in the annual JETS (Junior Engineering and Technical Society) Contest at Cleveland State University. Euclid High School placed second.

The competition was based on grueling written tests in several subjects. "It was comparable to the SATS, but with more abstract subject matter," commented team member Eric Brown.

"It was the hardest test I've ever taken, and there wasn't enough time to finish," added another team member, Kim Richmond.

Despite the rigorous nature of the contest, Schutter contends that students are "up to the challenge."

"Shaker students are very well prepared compared to other schools," stated Schutter.

Individual awards went to Matt Schnall for first place in mathematics, Steve Rosenberg for first place in physics and second place in mathematics; Martin Chang for first place in engineering graphics, Brian Taylor for second place in chemistry and in computers; and Lara London for second place in English.

Other team members were Matt Burry, Stu Friedman, LaMoyné Porter, Tige Silliman, Ken Murray, Jon Glick, and David Rhodes.

"We come, we saw, we conquered," concluded Friedman.

--Beth Mercer

## Band plays Capitol

The SHHS band is headed to Washington, D.C. for the All-American Band Festival. The 150 member musical group will play on the steps of the capitol as part of the festival's celebration on April 17-20.

Fundraisers for the bus trip and lodging in Washington included the sale of fruit and candy bars.

Band members will be performing for most of the 3-day stay. They will be under the direction of Thomas Smicklas and Hans Bohnert.

The band members have been practicing a wide range of band literature in preparation for the festival.

In their free time, band members will have a chance to tour Washington, absorbing all the major points of interest.

Bohnert feels that, in addition to the experience of playing in the All-American Band Festival, band members also have the opportunity to meet students from all across the country.



RUDOLPH

Mary Boyle addresses Shaker.

## Hockey assessed

Whatever happened to the high school's great hockey teams of the late 70's and early 80's? Whatever happened to Shaker's stranglehold on the Baron Cup?

Looking back on this season's 9-12 finish, one can cite two major reasons for the school's drought.

The emergence of the University School hockey program directly effected Shaker's team.

All children playing in youth leagues at Thornton Park were given a choice to enroll at either Shaker or U.S. Many, though residents of Shaker, chose the private school.

"Each of the tremendous teams in the past enjoyed incredible depth. Now, because a few players go to U.S. each year, we are missing this," explains Jerry Masteller, eight year president of the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League.

The other major reason Shaker dropped in the hockey standings was because of the reshuffling of the divisions.

Because of problems with the Lake Erie League, a system was set up geographically with divisions named East, Central, and West.

The teams in the East Division, with the exception of Shaker and Cleveland Heights, were so weak that the games were often one sided.

"This explains why Shaker had so many 20-1, 19-2 type seasons. There is no doubt that the strong teams got fat from the weak teams," Masteller said.

Two years ago, a new system was employed based on the strength of the school's program, rather than its geography. In order of strength, the divisions were renamed Red, White, and Blue.

Being placed in the Red Division, Shaker faces a much tougher schedule. Before, they would face such teams as Euclid, Kent Roosevelt, and Garfield Heights twice a year. Now, they are pitted against squads with more developed skills like Padua, St. Edwards, and North Olmsted.

--Peter Nagusky

## Boyle speaks out

County Commissioner Mary Boyle helped Shaker celebrate National Women's History Month by speaking to students and answering their questions on March 5.

Boyle spoke of what the future will hold for women's roles in politics. She expressed desire to appoint more women to higher positions.

"Mary Boyle is clear and focused in her goals for the women's movement and is a fine spokesperson for women to look up to," stated history teacher Terry Pollack.

Pollack also stated that, "she brings the human factor to the job of being a politician."

The program was sponsored by Push-Excel.

--John Schaeffler



# Activism declines

Unmotivated, inactive, and apathetic describe the typical Shaker student of the 1980's. In a decade that has seen apartheid, United States support of Nicaraguan Contras, economic crisis, and the threat of nuclear war, Shaker students seem uninterested.

This gradual change from activism in the 1960's to non-activism in the 1980's is part of a greater swing from liberalism to conservatism. In the 1960's and 1970's, there was a belief among students that they could make the changes they felt had to be made. Today, few students bother to give issues a second thought outside of the classroom.

"Kids in the 60's were a lot more motivated," according to government teacher Jerry Graham.

"I would trade the students of the 1980's for the students of the 1960's,"

added Associate Principal Robert Mohny.

Mohny, Graham, and other adults are disappointed in today's youth. Shaker students today make little effort to speak out about important issues. The recent assembly about South Africa was a start, but it has not sparked any new action on the part of the students.

Groups like YUTOA, SEEH, and SGORR deserve commendation for their attempts to address issues, but the rest of the student body needs to follow suit.

Conservatism in the 1980's has meant apathy, but this does not have to be true. Whether a student's views are liberal or conservative is unimportant. Following through on those beliefs is what really counts. Shakerites of the 1980's need to change their rhetoric into action.

# Candid Quotes

Q. Is there any political or social issue which you take interest in or that plays an important part in your life?



Joanie Berger (12) -- I am involved in SGORR because I saw the problems we have with race relations and wanted to help create an awareness in our community.



Michael Polsinelli (12) -- I am co-chairperson of Youth United to Oppose Apartheid. I see the problems in South Africa. We in the United States have such control over the world and we should start using on a humanitarian level. If we do not help those being oppressed, when they gain power they won't be willing to support with such things as imported materials.



Rhonda Brown (11) -- With the recent breakout of terrorism I have become concerned for those Americans who travel to other countries. I wish more could be done to prevent terrorism attacks.

## Letters

## Debate team in trouble

Dear Editor:

Just recently, the Shaker Heights Speech and Debate Team completed a season filled with misfortunes due to a lack of proper organization and emphasis which I believe is primarily the fault of the administration. Clearly, from all the mishaps that many members of the team have faced this year, which could have been avoided, forensics is quite "low" on Shaker's list of priorities. For example, members were disqualified from some very important tournaments, for such inexcusable reasons as improper registration, which is not the fault of the students. Debaters were also deprived of an opportunity to compete at the State Tournament because the Ohio High School Speech League was never prewarned of their participation in an out-of-state tournament which would have been acceptable, if cleared properly beforehand by the head coach. These are just a few of the problems the team has had to face this year.

The administration should show a little more interest in the welfare of the team. Some schools really do take their speech and debate teams more seriously and seem to have more pride in them than does Shaker. For example, the debate coach in Oakwood, Ohio has each of her "speech" students come to her house one night a week for coaching, and her "debate" students come to her

house two other nights a week. This is not in vain, for they now have one of the top forensics teams in the state. Shaker has always done well in supporting its athletic competition, and expresses great interest in that. But, just because forensics may not be as "exciting" or does not induce spectators, it should not be deemed less credible than the others. Forensics is competition, just like any sport. And people work very hard at it. Debaters spend countless hours doing research and sifting through evidence. And when a forensics team does well at a tournament it often elevates its reputation as a school. Thus, by giving more support to the Shaker Speech and Debate Team, it would not only help the members themselves, but it would also strengthen the school's status as a whole.

Forensics can be intellectually very rewarding, and often provides participants with research and speaking skills that can aid students for life. I wish Shaker would not treat it then, as something which is just there, for the sake of being offered. If the present lack of interest persists, the success of the team will degenerate, and soon other competitors at tournaments will not be asking with trepidation, "Where's Shaker?" as they do now, but rather, "Who is Shaker?"

David Heller

## Book policy misinterpreted

Dear Editor:

While the library is always happy to receive mention in *The Shakerite*, I'd like to correct one small item in the news brief that appeared on page 2 of the February issue. The article implies that we are not currently purchasing library books and other materials due to theft. What I said during the interview was that "we are not increasing the number of books in

our collection;" that is, we are losing as many as we are adding.

While this is a tragic situation for all who attempt to use this library--students and staff--it is not the same as saying we are not buying books. We continue to do so, even in the face of such a discouraging fact of life.

Larry Rakow  
Head Librarian

## Cheers

CHEERS...to the girls swim team for making it to State, and to the wrestling team for sending two wrestlers to Districts. Both teams had terrific seasons.

CHEERS...to the numerous band, orchestra, and choir members who received high ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Contest.

CHEERS...to YUTOA (Youth United to Oppose Apartheid) for sponsoring an assembly to bring South African awareness to Shaker.

CHEERS...to senior Ron Hall who placed fourth in the state wrestling championship in the 98-pound weight class.

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# Student Activism

## 60's and 70's bring turbulent times to Shaker

by Juli Alfred

"Students were willing to take immediate action."

Most people regard the late 60's and early 70's as an era of hippies, bell-bottoms and defiant anti-war, anti-establishment youth. Turbulent times did not escape Shaker, and determined students led their school to take action against what they believed was wrong.

Civil rights and the Vietnam War were major issues, but obliteration of the dress code and infractions of student rights by the administration provoked equally strong responses.

Some of these responses demonstrated the extent of student's convictions. For example, on May 4, 1970, the day four students were killed at Kent State University during a peaceful protest, students here spontaneously lowered the flag to half-mast.

The assistant principal, a strong supporter of the Vietnam War, refused to have the flag lowered, because he did not want to show respect to students protesting against Vietnam.

The battle for the flag continued until the assistant principal finally wrapped his arms around the flagpole to prevent further lowering. Finally, the police came, and the principal overruled, but the students had illustrated how far they were willing to go to illustrate their convictions.

"Students were willing to take immediate action," states government teacher Jerry Graham. In 1968, 60-80 per cent of the student body walked-out of school to an anti-Vietnam seminar at Plymouth Church.

There are other examples of this "immediate action" as well. When the science wing was under construction, the assistant principal restricted the area of the oval in front of the school as parking for the construction workers only. A girl arriving late parked in that area, and one of the workers physically held her car door shut, repeating that she had to move her car. Ultimately, she parked elsewhere.

Upon entering school, she publicized this incident and in response, students left class to organize a march on

the construction site. Students were furious, believing that the administration had no right to give out their parking spaces. After talking with teachers, the students elected leaders to meet with the worker, the construction company, and the administration.

Besides these spontaneous uprisings, student council was also involved with politics. It functioned not as a social planning group, but instead focused on running the school. Debates were held between candidates on major issues and often bitter opposition arose.

During one campaign, the administration demanded the right to censor candidates' speeches prior to their presentation to the student body. Student council refused to divulge their speeches, citing First Amendment violations.

As a result, student leader David Gressle's name was struck from the ballot by the administration. He ran as a write-in candidate for vice-president, and won by a landslide 1300 votes. However, the administration persisted in their decision, and would not allow him to fill the office. He countered with threats of taking the student body on strike, and the administration was forced to yield.

In the 70's, the "general feeling of protest" began to fade. In a Feb 15, 1975 Shakerite editorial, Jerry Tinianow wrote, "I'm not saying that no one is concerned with issues anymore, but it certainly has become a lot harder to find someone who is... we've been exhausted by an administration which appears to be totally unmoved by demonstrations or dissent of any kind. We've been disappointed by a Congress whose plodding archaic methods offer no alternative to the lack of response on the part of the administration."

The active participation of the 60's and early 70's helped shape the history of our nation. Shaker reflected these national political trends, from anti-establishment during the past two decades to the conservative resurgence of the 80's.

These cartoons have been taken from the Shakerite archives to illustrate the changing face of activism.



The Shakerite, Jan. 26, 1944



The Shakerite, April 29, 1966

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## Activists: the rare breed

by Sara Levine

An activist is a person who works to bring about social or political change. At Shaker, a small but important percentage of students are involved in activist groups.

"It's not like there is one activist type that supports all things," explains senior David Bond. "I pick and choose." He is involved with SEEH (Student Effort to End Hunger), SGORR (Student Group on Race Relations), and Results, an "ending hunger citizen lobby group." "It's basically commitment," Bond says. "People who are interested in ending hunger don't often realize the commitment it involves. Words mean little, actions mean everything."

Bond's main goal is to "bring a little more light into people's lives." He says what he and other activists are doing is helping them learn about themselves, but what they want to do is help save other people.

Junior Lisa Billowitz agrees that helping people is one of her goals as an activist.

"It helps me as an individual," she says, "and part of the reason I do it is because it makes me feel like I make a difference."

Billowitz, who has taken part in several hunger and nuclear freeze groups, is also a member of YUTOA (Youth United to Oppose Apartheid). YUTOA has probably received the most positive response of the groups she has worked with, she says, and it is encouraging.

Billowitz was among eight students from YUTOA who traveled to Philadelphia on February 15 for a demonstration which 8,000 people attended.

Another active member of YUTOA is senior Mike Polsinelli. He feels YUTOA is definitely accomplishing things.

"I really believe that we have done a h. of a lot in these past four

"There are a lot of things going on in this world that are very scary, and I just want to do what I can."

months, and if we continue on this course we will have done a h. of a lot more."

Polsinelli admits that sometimes it is difficult to get up on a Saturday morning and go downtown for the weekly 11:00 a.m. YUTOA meetings, but the fact that the group is reaching some people seems to keep him going.

"I could look at it with a pessimistic viewpoint and say all these kids aren't doing anything," Polsinelli said, "but out of our assembly, about five or six people seem to be really interested. And if these people stick with it, that's five or six more people than we had before."

Junior Terri Weissman says her family has always been very political, and activism seems like something she has to do, but she also enjoys it.

"When you feel the sense of unity, it's really neat," Weissman said, describing her experiences with other YUTOA members picketing a company-owned Shell station.

One of the things she says she likes about YUTOA is the fact that it is racially balanced.

"There are a lot of black groups who oppose apartheid and a lot of white groups who oppose apartheid but they often don't come together."

Junior David Glenn is also a member of YUTOA. He is a volunteer for Propeace, a group which is sponsoring a peace march across the country, too.

In answer to why he is involved in activist groups, Glenn says, "Partly for fun. And it's something that I care about. There are a lot of things going on in this world that are very scary, and I just want to do what I can."

## The changing face of activism

by Renee Romano

"It's a lot easier to have an opinion than to act on one."

The times, they are a-changin'... As the 60's and 70's pass away, so do the memories of sit-ins and protests, marches and activism.

Student activism has noticeably declined from the era of Vietnam and the struggle for racial equality. In a recent Shakerite survey, 100 per cent of the students reported having one or more global concerns, but only 40-45 per cent reported actually doing something about these concerns, and only 30 per cent really considered themselves involved.

Why do students admit concerns and then do nothing about these concerns? There are many reasons, most pertaining not only to students, but to society as well.

One reason suggested by social studies department chairman Terry Pollack is the shift in society to the Me generation, or being interested in self rather than the group. Pollack illustrates this trend by noting the shift in popular magazines, which have gone from Life to People to Self to Us.

Pollack stresses that people today, especially students, are more worried about the "golden calf" of materialism, wealth, and power. Kids today are worried about getting into status colleges and are "seldom moved by causes," especially those that don't directly affect them.

Perhaps this attitude was best epitomized by one Shaker student who saw the Youth United to Oppose Apartheid assembly and afterwards remarked, "I don't have any relatives in South Africa. What do I care?"

This shift towards the self can not be the only reason, however, because much of the activism of the 60's and 70's was self-centered. Pollack believes there was an urgency among students, because the issues related specifically to them.

Students protested not only the Vietnam War, but also many school regulations, doing everything from burning library cards to fighting the dress codes.

Government teacher Jerry Graham believes that students then were more concerned about issues and becoming informed, however, he also believes that it is unfair to pin an apathetic label on this generation.

"You don't have a Vietnam war," stated Graham. He adds that we also have no more silly school rules to fight, because they have already been eliminated by the earlier

generation.

Regardless of this, the complaint that there are not enough issues, or that it is difficult to get involved with a movement is something of a cop-out.

"I can't say there's a lack of issues," admitted Shaker senior Bob Rhodes. "It's not so close to home that I can feel involved with it."

It is very difficult to become involved with issues that don't affect you directly. Social studies teacher Penny Friedman believes that there is a very select group of people who are involved in causes that don't directly affect them, and that this "top stratum" exists at all times. Friedman also suggests that these people are the products of "families with intense concern," rather than products of society.

"There are still a handful of kids with a social conscience, who believe in taking ideas and turning them into verbs," states Pollack.

Another possible reason why few students are actually involved is that many teenagers today feel that they have no real power, and that an individual does not have an effect.

Graham believes that students of the 60's and 70's thought they could make a difference, but Watergate showed our system at its worst, and made our generation more cynical about government.

Rhodes and other Shaker students consider themselves a "drowned voice." However, Pollack maintains that all movements begin with the individual.

Active students like junior Lora Cerone are emphatic. "We can change anything in this world, and people don't realize it."

Still, the reasons for non-involvement are many and varied. Society is generally more conservative, causes are more distant, and certainly apathy is more prevalent.

"I don't think anyone here would argue there has not been a decline (in student activism)," stated Graham, some of which he attributed to pure apathy.

Senior Kevin Khayat agrees, saying, "It's a lot easier to have an opinion than to act on one."

Perhaps sophomore Sean Marcellino, who has served as a co-chairman of Youth United to Oppose Apartheid, summed up the reasons students are not involved with that group best.

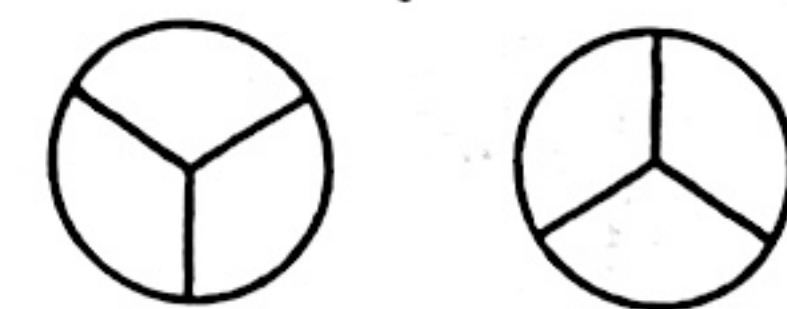
"Some people are just lazy, some would rather sleep in or are busy on Saturdays. Some people are conservatives and afraid to speak out, some people think it's a lost cause, and some people just don't care."



The Shakerite, Feb. 28, 1968

## Apathy Returns

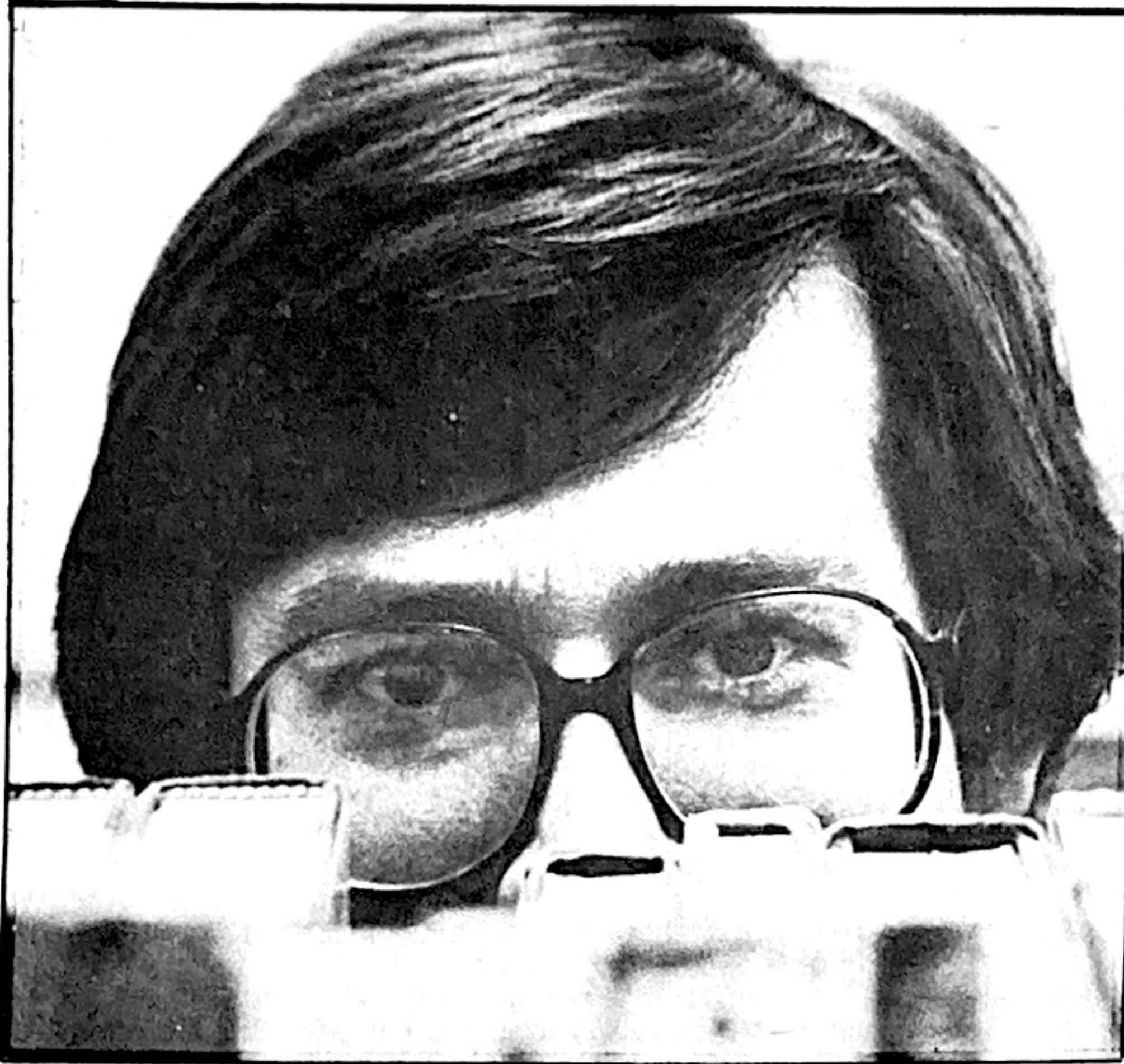
The Times, They Are A-Changin'



FROM YIPPIES TO YUPPIES

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Professor Optix peeks from behind his library piles.

## Life beyond books

by Paige Weber

When Larry Rakow isn't shuffling books in the school library, climbing mountains, or selling rubber stamps of the "Snark Out Boys and Friends," he invites folks to enter the world of the magic lantern.

"The Professor Optix Magic Lantern Show," created and performed by Rakow, promises 'An evening's pleasure that is worth a College Course, may save you a Doctor's bill, and is equal to a trip around the Globe!' If you connect nothing with "magic lanterns" but three wishes, you are first, probably not alone, and second, missing some "astonishingly good stuff."

Magic lanterns, popularized throughout small towns during the 19th century, are "moving" pictures painted on glass and projected onto a screen. An aura of mystery surrounded the magic lantern men who brought their overnight shows to towns once a year. Since nineteenth century people lived hard lives and saw few amusements, the magic lantern shows became exceptionally popular. The lanterns projected nursery tales, comic routines, moral lessons, and popular songs (a sort of nineteenth century MTV).

Rakow's show includes a "lively, funny, poignant, and educational" lecture from Rakow in nineteenth century dress. The lanterns come from Rakow's personal collection (one of the largest in private hands in the world) and range in subject from "The Highland Lover's Courtship" to

"A Fierce Naval Battle" to "The Lion and the Tub."

The small badger eating bread and jam to your right is Frances, one design from hundreds of rubber stamps available from Kidstamps, Rakow's own rubber stamp company. Kidstamps, the only rubber stamp company created for children from children's literature, is co-owned by Rakow and Phyllis Schwartz.

*"If you connect nothing with 'magic lanterns' but three wishes you are first, probably not alone, and second, missing some 'astonishingly good stuff.'"*

More than even rubber stamps and magic lanterns, however, Rakow loves his family. His wife Susan teaches gifted students, and she and their son Joshua (12) and daughter Becca (10), fill up most of his spare time.

The family has hiked and backpacked since Joshua was born because as Rokow says, "The outdoors tend to tear down the artificial parts of life, and relationships come out. There is something about scaling a 100 foot rock face that you can't get from fixing a toaster."

## Pete's Poll

by Peter Routman

So you've been bumming around all year and haven't given a thought in the world to college or careers. After all, you're still in high school, right?

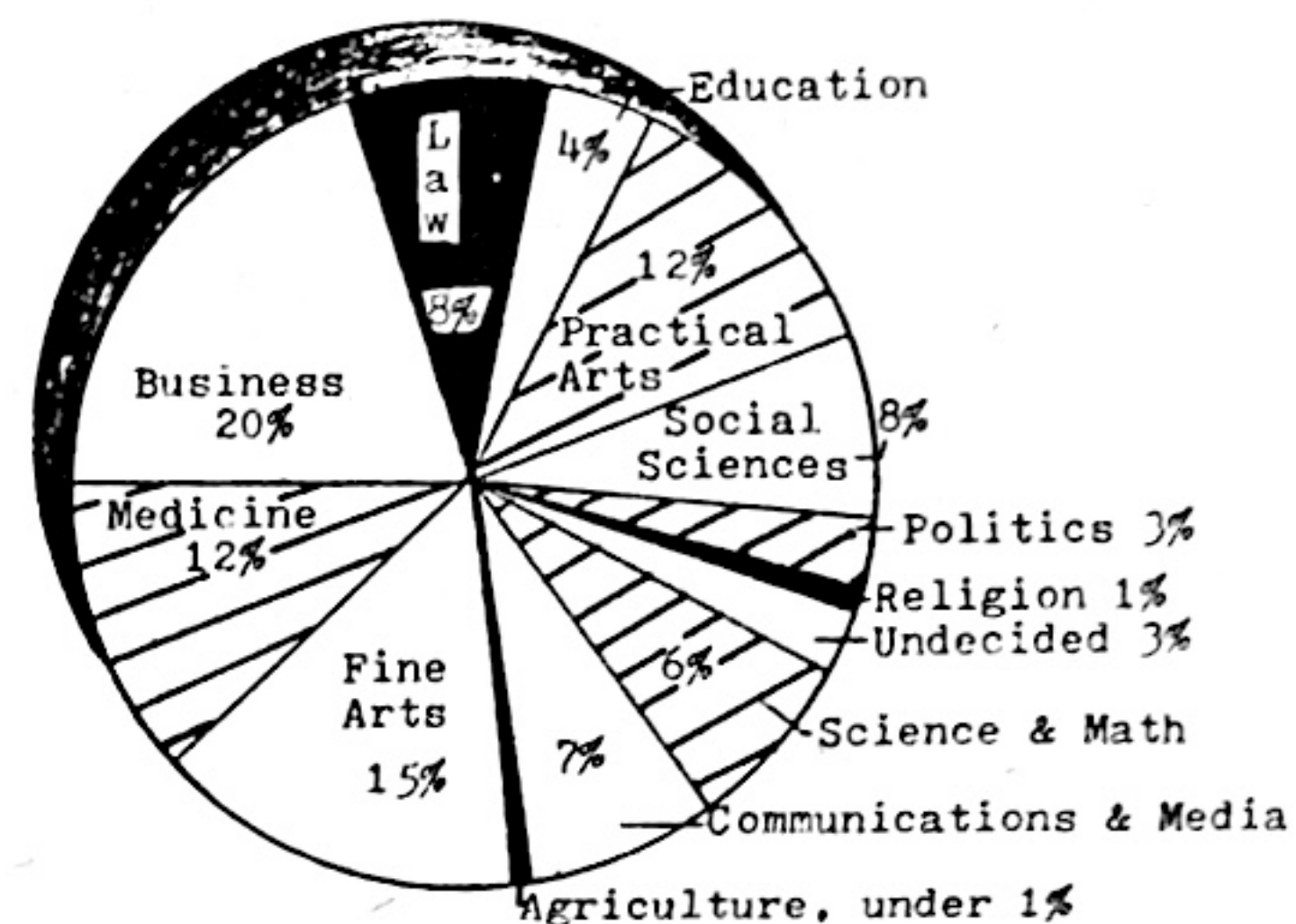
If you fit the above description, you're in a minority. Only three per cent of students polled were unsure what general field they were interested in as a career. Practically all students were certain about what they wanted to do after high school. Ninety-three per cent of all students planned to attend college, while five per cent planned to work and the

remaining wanted to go into the military.

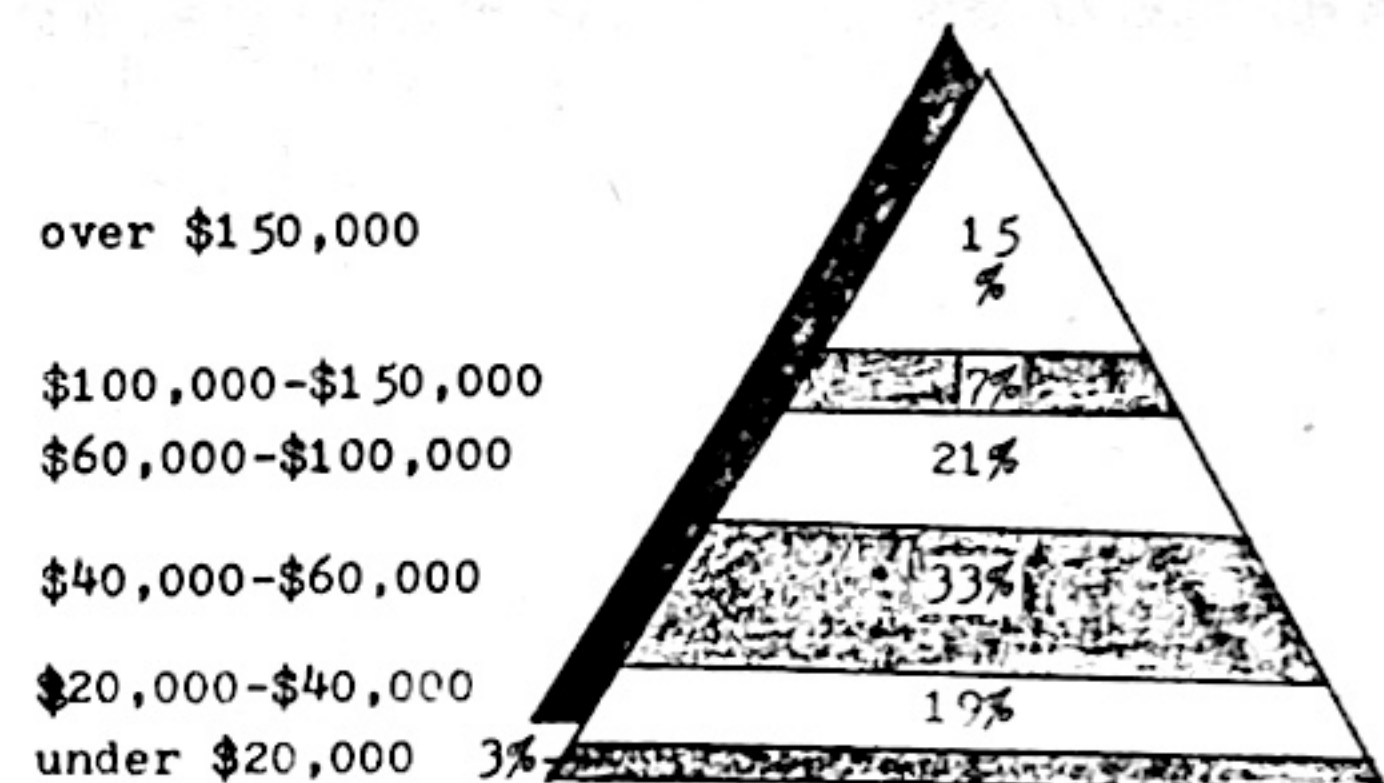
The most popular field of interest for males was business at 29 percent, followed by practical arts and science. For females, the fine arts attracted the most potential careers at 22 per cent with medicine and business coming in second and third, respectively.

Polling was done March 4 in selective English classes. Out of 350 distributed, 184 were returned.

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# Teachers sing out

by Jacquelyn McNair

Shaker's talents recently journeyed across the Atlantic.

Three of Shaker's teachers had the rare opportunity to perform abroad with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. Carol Fox, Steven Fox, and Beth Illes-Johnson traveled for two weeks with 140 other chorus members in six European cities. The chorus received warm praise from audiences in Broges, London, Oxford, Brussels and Ostend. A sample of the chorus' repertoire includes selections from Brahms and Beethoven.

Steven Fox has been a member of the chorus for nine years, Illes-Johnson for over 10 years and Carol Fox for two years although she has participated in other summer choir programs.

Since this was the first time that the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus had traveled abroad, it was a unique opportunity for each chorus member.

The chorus and its director, Robert Page, spent close to five years planning the trip. Although they say it is a thrilling experience to sing in Cleveland, there is a special magic in performing for European audiences.

The chorus particularly enjoyed performing in the Royal Festival Hall in London. They also sang two concerts with the Oxford Pro Musica and the Belgian National Opera Orchestra.

The trip was musically and culturally fulfilling. The group had the opportunity to visit Shakespeare's birthplace, which was described as "simple and modest," the British Museum and Westminster Abbey. They also saw the production of 'Les Miserables' in London.

During their spare time, some chorus members ventured to Radley Boys School. Steven Fox observed that "Students have less breath but



Shaker's singing threesome thinks of Europe.

more depth." The students in Europe have a very competitive attitude and they explore a narrower range of subjects with greater detail.

In appreciation for the school's support, Steven Fox would like to

"credit the administrators for being open minded enough to realize that this was a rare opportunity for us, and that eventually the students will benefit."

# "Miami" eats "Hollywood"

by La Moyne Porter

"Hollywood Vice Squad is an elite force of highly trained law enforcement officers commissioned to eliminate any trace of entertainment, common sense, and decent acting from a movie, keeping the world safe for mediocrity. Amen! And I might add that they do their job very well." -- Eugene Scum, film critic of the Daily Planet.

"Thank you very much Eugene. Well, it looks like we're on our own today. My partner, Lara London, had the opportunity to write a research paper about penguins in Brazil. A rare privilege I must say. Hopefully, she'll be back for our next review. So Eugene, get that chicken out of here and have a seat."

Hollywood Vice Squad is basically about six members of the Hollywood Vice Squad and the criminals that they encounter. There is no real single plot line in the movie, but a mixture of random events thrown together. In fact, the movie resembles a patchwork quilt and was just as exciting to watch. The members of the vice squad are inept bunglers and if you pooled their collective knowledge and common sense, they would still be two I.Q. points under the intelligence quotient of a warm pair of sugar tongs. Perhaps this movie was supposed to be a comedy.

"The motto of Vice Squad is that it's a long way from Miami. This motto is probably the only thing that was done correctly. It's a long way from Miami Vice in terms of sophistication, dress, entertainment, and dialogue."

"Excuse me, La Moyne, I'd just like to comment that you haven't mentioned any of the characters or the actors' names."

"The movie was so terrible that I

had no desire to remember the characters or the actors. Now, shutup before I decide to nail your head to the pool table."

"I kept wishing that Don Johnson and Michael Philip Thomas, or is it Thomas Michael Philip Thomas-hmmm, I think it's Philip Michael Thomas. Well, anyway, I prayed that they would magically appear on the screen and save the Squad from themselves. At the very least, they could teach them about color coordination and matching socks. After Don and Thomas, oops, I mean Philip failed to appear, I lit a ritual fire in the theater, danced around my hat and pleaded for the comedic genius of Eddie Murphy. As a last resort, I hoped the criminals would win."

"The captain of the vice squad had some power-packed lines, such as 'Let's do it,' 'Pull out all the stops,' and 'Don't let him slip through our fingers.' The dialogue was so intense that I had the sensation of passing out. Wave after wave of mindless speeches and corny phrases buffeted me in my seat."

"The movie had two good points. One was the depiction of the night life. The camera views were interesting and there were breathtaking views of the Hollywood skyline. The other good point was a line spoken by one of the members of the squad, 'No brains, no headaches.'"

"What do you mean, it's not funny...Shutup, Eugene."

"If you have \$4.50 to spend, I would recommend seeing another movie. If you have \$4.50 to waste, see Hollywood Vice Squad. What can you expect when the director's first name is Penelope? Until next month."

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## Baseballers hit the road to States

by David Heller

"We are going to win the LEL this year," boldly remarked Dave Demarco, catcher and co-captain of this year's baseball team.

According to assistant coach, Ed Hojnowski, the team is comprised of a "good group of ballplayers." Coaching alongside of Hojnowski is the new head coach, Dave Sedmak, who will be taking the place of Dennis Hogue, who resigned last year. Hojnowski, now in his second year

of coaching, is enthusiastic. He is reluctant, however, to make any predictions about the team's prospects this year. Though he believes that there is about the same amount of talent this year as last, the team's success will depend on how this talent is put to use. Whether or not people will be willing to do a little extra, put a little more in, or, in the words of Hojnowski, "play a little better than they think they can."

This year's squad includes many returning varsity ballplayers from last year. Tim Khayat, the other co-captain, will probably be playing shortstop this season. Mike Rie, a senior who did some relief pitching last year, is also returning. Outfielder Tim Richards is back, along with pitcher Randy Spilman, a junior this year.

The pre-season practices consisted of basic conditioning, including jogging, stretching, and sprints. Also, drills involving aspects of the game were executed.

Now, however, they practice for at least two hours everyday after school.

"We have a lot of dedicated players, a good pitching staff, and the new head coach, Sedmak, knows his baseball really well," notes Jared Levin, junior and prospective first baseman of this year's team. "He is a good motivator."

"We have an amazing amount of potential this year," Khayat believes. Hopefully, the optimism expressed by these players is the sign of a promising season.



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## P R O F I L E

by Ken Chavinson

"Magic" Johnson, move on over. Here comes Phalon "Tragic" Bass. The six foot four, 210 pound senior just wrapped up his last season of Shaker basketball and he certainly went out with style.

Bass has been a stellar performer in each of the three years he's played varsity basketball. He achieved his greatest success this year, however, averaging 17 points and 10 rebounds a game.

These are numbers that most players would gloat over, but Bass remains unsatisfied.

"I could have played harder...I let my attitude get in my way" admitted Bass. He was also displeased with the team's performance, stating that "We didn't accomplish what we set out to do. (finish over .500)."

As for a professional career in basketball, Bass conceded "Right now, I don't know. That is what I'm working for."

The immediate future is Bass's primary concern right now. On April 18, he will be competing in the East-West All-Star Game which features the very best ball players in the area. This fall, Bass will be off to Mercyhurst College where he plans to major in Business Administration.

If his business instincts are anywhere near those that he's shown



In classic form, Phalon Bass drives to the hoop.

on the basketball court, it won't be long before we are reading about Phalon Bass in the Wall Street Journal.

## Notes from the bench

by Kyle Bettigole and Ken Chavinson

It was a sad, sad February here at "Notes From The Bench." That's right. No ticker-tape parades. No gala festivities in the Plaza ballroom. No offers from Carson, Donahue, Letterman, or McNeil-Lehrer. No wine and cheese get-togethers. No girls climbing through the windows of our penthouse apartment. Yes, hard to believe, but we were revoked.

After the release of our January column, it was a matter of minutes before we were informed of our utter vulgarity. So we were sent to our rooms and left to think about the consequences of our actions.

The decision was handed down by the Readers Against Lousy Portrayal of Hygiene (RALPH) organization of America. It seems they weren't the only ones being poop. Over the past month we received 17,000 postcards, 874 letters, 318 telegrams, 4 t-shirts, a stove mit, and a nice lady from Wichita sent us a can of peaches. We thought it would only be fair to share with our readers a few goodies:

Dear Notes:

I've been reading the Shakerite for 18 years and never have I seen such trash. And what's an "Odle"?

Blink Hedgeway  
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Notes:

Isn't it a shame that a few bad apples had to go and spoil a very nice edition of the newly revised Shakerite. Cancel my subscription.

Bart Brattle  
Cootersville, Mississippi

Dear Bench:

You guys stink.

Frank  
New York, New York

Dear Notes:

As I sit here in my iron lung, it pains me to recall how you belittled the unfortunate of society. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves.

Sally the girl  
in the iron lung

Dear Chavs and Odle:

What did I win?

Hector Rimrod  
Newark, New Jersey

Now that we've been reinstated, we would like to offer our heartfelt apologies for any offense that we may have incurred. We will strive to bring you quality journalism and report the world of sports with proper respect.

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